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1. A                      employee at the Verder (N 53 1/2 53) airfield said that the commander of the field was a 58-year-old colonel whose name was not known as he was always addressed as "Papa". The ration strength at the field was 1,500 Soviet Air Force men between the age of 20 and 28 years. There was also an officers' school where one-month courses were held. The courses were attended by 200 officers of various ranks. The instruction personnel were majors. \*
2. An LVD unit, commanded by a major, and a school for the children of the Soviet officers were also at the field. Three to five single-engine biplanes and single-engine high-wing monoplanes were permanently at the field. These planes made courier flights. \*\* There was also a twin-engine plane on which theoretical instruction was given in the officers' courses.

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\*            Comment. The occupation of the barracks buildings by air force units was previously reported                      25X1The numerical designation of the unit is not known. The presence of an officers' school is reported for the first time. The name of the commandant has not been reported                     

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\*\*            Comment. The planes, which are PO-2s, are believed to be assigned to the headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army as courier planes. 25X1

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